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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	John R. Dales	14 December 1999
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Filed:	March 11, 1999	Examiner: M. Berch
For:	Preparation of Purines	

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed 14 June 1999, having a shortened statutory period of 3 months, please enter the following Remarks and Amendments into the record. Also enclosed herewith is a petition for a three (3) month extension of the shortened statutory period set by the Examiner and authorization to charge the required fee to the indicated deposit account.

In the Claims:

Please amend the following claims:

Claim 5, please insert a hyphen after "(methyl)".

Claim 19. A process according to claim 15 for the preparation of [ 9-(4-acetoxy-3-acetoxymethylbut-1-yl)-2-amino-6-chloropurine] 2-Amino-6-chloro-9-(methyl-2-carbomethoxybutanoate-4-yl)purine.

REMARKS

Claims 5 to 7 and 10 to 20 are in the application. Claim 5 and 9 have been amended. Claim 5 to correct a typographical error and claim 19 to correct the nomenclature of the intermediate compound prepared by the process of claim 15. No new matter is believed added.